

GovDelivery Messages to High School Counselors

March 8, 2019

Class of 2019 MCS Certificate of Achievement Template and Student Letter Now Available in MiSSG

MiSSG High School Users may use the Print MCS Qualifying Students tool in the [MiSSG High School Counselor Portal](#) to view a list of their students who meet the merit portion of the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS). A letter for MCS Qualifying Students and the MCS Certificate of Achievement Template are also available in MiSSG. This template along with the letter may be distributed to qualifying students at your spring awards ceremony.



For questions, please contact our Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687 or email mistudentaid@michigan.gov.

Additional Information

- [Michigan Competitive Scholarship Details](#)
- [Requesting Access to MiSSG](#)

January 16, 2019

MiSSG Updates

Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

MI Student Aid recently received the annual Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) TIP file. This file adds new students to MiSSG who meet the Medicaid requirement for TIP eligibility.

What do you need to do? Log in to MiSSG and check your TIP Students list to review students assigned to your high school who may now be eligible.

MI Student Aid recently received Fall 2018 student enrollment data from CEPI. Many student records have been updated in MiSSG, which assigns the current high school and graduating year to student records.

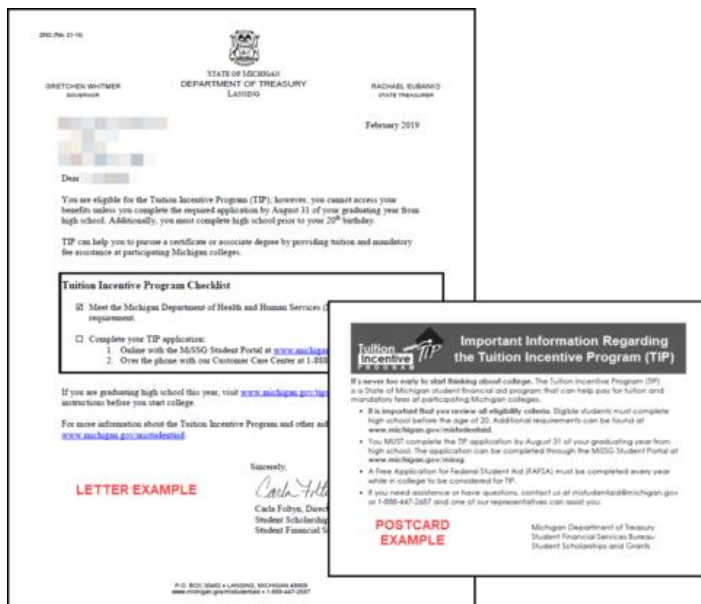
What do you need to do? Log in to MiSSG and review students assigned to your high school to check if they:

- qualify for the merit portion of MCS,
- are eligible for TIP and have completed the TIP application, and
- have submitted the 2019-20 FAFSA.

TIP Mailing

Did you know that MI Student Aid annually mails notifications to TIP eligible students until the student completes the TIP application or no longer meets the eligibility requirements?

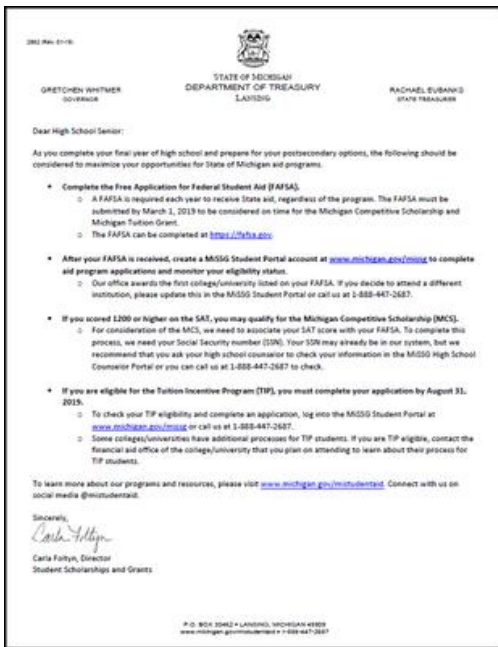
This year's TIP mailing is scheduled for February 2019. Your students may receive a letter or a postcard from the Michigan Department of Treasury during the weeks following the mailing. Students who receive the notification are encouraged to complete the TIP application. Below are examples of the notifications:



Featured Resources for High School Counselors

Letter for High School Seniors

Below is a letter for you to distribute to your seniors with information and resources to maximize their opportunities for State of Michigan aid programs. This letter will explain steps in the financial aid process and how to access the MiSSG Student Portal.



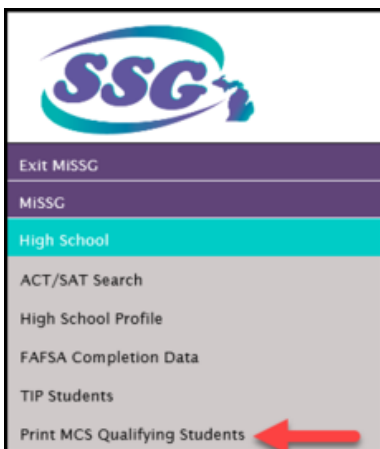
Class of 2019 Senior Letter

Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) Student Letter

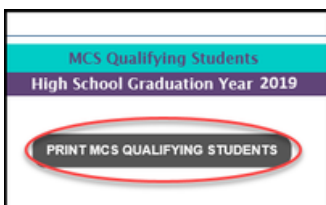
MCS provides a renewable scholarship to undergraduate students who scored at least a 1200 on their SAT. To be considered, students must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2019 (and each year after) and demonstrate financial need.

High school counselors who are authorized to access MiSSG may view a listing of their students who meet the merit portion of MCS.

To view your MCS Qualifying Student List, click on 'Print MCS Qualifying Students' from the MiSSG Menu.



Click on 'Print MCS Qualifying Students' button.



Class of 2019 students who achieved a qualifying SAT score of 1200 or higher should be notified by their counselor with the 'Letter for MCS Qualifying Students,' which explains eligibility requirements. The MCS Certificate of Achievement Template will be available Spring 2019.



For additional program details, please review the [Michigan Competitive Scholarship Fact Sheet](#) or contact our Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687 or mistudentaid@michigan.gov.

Our Web site has a New Look

[MI Student Aid's Web site](#) has been re-designed to provide page viewers with targeted resources, easy-to-navigate content, and detailed information about MI Student Aid programs and services.

We encourage you to explore the High School Counselors dashboard.

Resources available include:

- Custom News Box
- MI Student Aid Programs
- Order Publications
- Request an Event
- Video Library
- Communication
- Webinars
- External Resources
- Events Calendar

Customer Care Center

Our MI Student Aid Customer Care Center provides assistance to students, families, high school counselors, college financial aid offices, and college access professionals.

The Customer Care Center is a team of individuals who are eager to help with general questions about types of financial aid available, State aid eligibility, how to search for scholarships, assist with accessing MiSSG, and much more.

Contact the Customer Care Center:

- Phone: 1-887-447-2687
- Email: mistudentaid@michigan.gov

Welcome Emily: High School Services



[Meet our newest member](#) of the MI Student Aid Outreach Team, Emily!

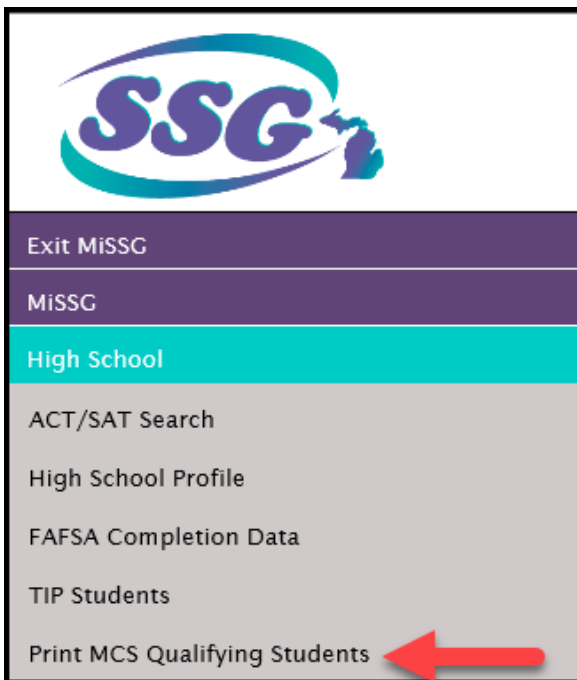
October 10, 2018

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) Student Letter is now available in MiSSG!

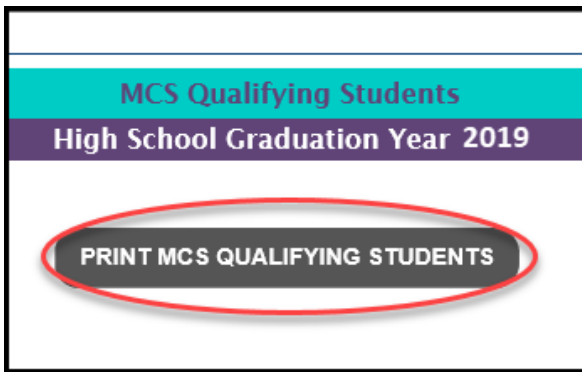
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September 20, 2018

Sending on behalf of Michigan College Access Network (MCAN)

2019 MCAN Conference Call for Presenters

The Michigan College Access Network invites you to submit a breakout session proposal for the 2019 Michigan College Access Network Annual Conference, [Fueling the Movement: Engage, Innovate, Mobilize](#), which will take place March 4-5, 2019 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, MI.

The review committee is searching for engaging presentations on the role of community leaders, educators, Local College Access Networks, and college access professionals in fueling Michigan's college access and attainment movement. Sessions offered at the conference should be applicable to the intended audience of practitioners, community organizers, and college access leaders.

Proposal Submission Deadline: Midnight on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Questions?

Please contact Jamie Jacobs by sending an email to Jamie@micollegeaccess.org. We look forward to receiving your submissions! Presenters will be notified via email of proposal acceptance with time and location of presentation by Friday, Dec. 7, 2018.

Conference registration will open in December. Be sure to watch our [web page](#) and [social media accounts](#). Stay tuned!

September 4, 2018

Welcome to MiSSG Emails

Welcome to MiSSG Emails will be sent to authorized MiSSG High School Users today. We are continuing to process 2018-19 MiSSG Data Use Agreements and will be sending Welcome Emails on-going. Please review the [2018-19 High School User Access Schedule](#) for a list of distribution dates.

As a reminder, the [2018-19 MiSSG Data Use Agreement](#) is available at www.michigan.gov/missg.

All Data Use Agreements must be:

- Completed electronically
- Submitted via email to mistudentaid@michigan.gov
- Submitted by authorizing principal or superintendent

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[Class of 2019 Senior Letter](#)

Last Chance to Register for the Back to School Webinar: 2018-19 MiSSG and High School Counselors

Registration closes September 12 at 5:00 p.m.!

September 13 from 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Join us for our Fall Webinar, focused on accessing and navigating MiSSG, understanding MiSSG reports, the MiSSG Student Portal, new MiSSG features, and more. A live question and answer period will also be available. This Webinar will be recorded and posted at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid for high school counselors unable to attend.

[Register for the Webinar today!](#)

Last Chance to Register for the 2018 MI Student Aid High School Counselor Workshop

Registration closes September 14 at 5:00 p.m.!

October 2 beginning at 9:30 A.M.

There are two ways to experience the 2018 High School Counselor Workshop, in person at one of the 29 available host sites or online from a location of your choice.

High school counselors and college access professionals are invited to attend this free training about:

- Student Scholarships and Grants program updates; featuring the new Talent for Tomorrow Scholarship, the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, and the Tuition Incentive Program.
- The life-cycle of State financial aid.
- Data trends and navigating through the MiSSG portal for high school counselors and students.
- Outreach services and how MI Student Aid can assist counselors and their students.
- Live Q & A session.

Live financial aid updates provided by the host site institution covering:

- Federal financial aid update.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) demonstration.
- Unusual circumstances, special populations, verification process, and maintaining eligibility.

[Registration is available now!](#)

The 2018-19 Student Scholarships and Grants Procedures Manual for High School Counselors is Available

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- MI Student Aid services and publications.

This manual is located on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/missg below the High School Counselor Portal button.

August 29, 2018

Bridging the Dream Scholarship – awarding a new group of inspiring high school students with \$25,000 each.

From now until September 27, Sallie Mae® is [accepting nominations](#) from counselors, like you, for the Bridging the Dream Scholarship. This year, we will be awarding a new group of inspiring high school students with \$25,000 each.

Do you know a high school junior or senior

- who works hard and inspires others;
- has an interesting story to tell; and
- is gifted or skilled in a way you think is outstanding?

Your nominee could be a student that you've helped guide along the way, someone who has inspired you, or a student you worry may come up financially short of fulfilling their dreams.

Let's try to help them make college happen. Visit SallieMae.com/BridgingTheDream to learn more about our previous winners, how this scholarship has impacted their lives, and to nominate a student today.

You can help even more students find scholarships by telling them to check out our free [Scholarship Search](#) tool. It matches students with scholarship opportunities based on their unique skills, activities, and interests.

Borrow responsibly

We encourage students and families to start with savings, grants, scholarships, and federal student loans to pay for college. Students and families should evaluate all anticipated monthly loan payments, and how much the student expects to earn in the future, before considering a private student loan.

Only the first 1,000 nominations will be considered. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Valid 8/23/18-9/27/18. See official contest rules at ScholarsApply.org/BridgingtheDream.

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July 23, 2018

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- Submitted by authorizing principal/superintendent

Please also review the [2018-19 MiSSG Letter to Lead Administrators](#) and the [2018-19 High School User Access Schedule](#).

Authorized users, with a processed 2018-19 Data Use Agreement, may begin to access MiSSG September 4, 2018.